

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An engine-drive-regulation supporting apparatus mounted on a vehicle driven by an engine, the apparatus comprising:

engine-drive-regulated region detecting means including at least one of means for judging whether or not the position of the vehicle is in a prescribed engine-drive-regulated region on the basis of information received from a vehicle position detecting device provided on the vehicle or from an external with respect to the vehicle, and means for receiving an engine-drive-regulation signal from an external with respect to the vehicle; and

engine-drive regulating means for giving a notice to a vehicle driver, suspending the engine, or decelerating the engine when it is judged that the position of the vehicle is in the prescribed engine-drive-regulated region or in response to reception of the engine-drive-regulation signal.

2. An engine-drive-regulation supporting apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the engine-drive regulating means includes:

means for judging whether or not the vehicle is in the prescribed engine-drive-regulated region and the present time is in a prescribed engine-drive-regulated time range; and

means for giving the notice to the vehicle driver, suspending the engine, or decelerating the engine when it is judged that the vehicle is in the prescribed engine-drive-regulated region and the present time is in the prescribed engine-drive-regulated time range.